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(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Colombia – US Starts Releasing Haitians Who Entered Through Mexico

(U) Washington – A surge in border crossings and a lack of immigration jail space have prompted the federal government to start releasing Haitian immigrants who have been entering the country in large numbers in recent months, backtracking on a pledge to jail them. Official said releasing immigrants with orders to report later to immigration court is a tactic used when detention space is scarce, under certain humanitarian conditions or as part of efforts to keep families together. Before the Haitians are released, they are subjected to a criminal background and national security check.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Florida – Three New Zika Cases Diagnosed

(U) Miami – Three new cases of Zika transmission were announced by the Florida Department of Health. Two of cases of Zika were acquired locally by Miami-Dade residents. The third case is a Broward County resident who frequently traveled to Miami-Dade. Investigators are working to pinpoint where the Broward victim was exposed to Zika, but said that the transmission did not occur in Broward.

SOURCE: 18 November 2016, [CBS News](#)

(U) New York – Bombing Suspect Pleads Not Guilty to Terror Charges

(U) Manhattan – The suspect behind a bombing in New York which wounded 31 people in September has pleaded not guilty to terrorism-related charges. Ahmad Khan Rahimi was charged with eight offences, including use of a weapon of mass destruction, bombing and use of a destructive device. Police also found a handwritten journal in which Rahimi praised Osama bin Laden and criticized US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 18 November 2016, [BBC News](#)

(U) New York – Twitter Suspends Several Alt-Right Accounts in Hate-Speech Crackdown

(U) New York– Twitter has suspended the accounts of several prominent members of the so-called “alt-right” in an apparent crack down on accounts tied to hate speech or threats of violence. Twitter noted that its policies forbid violent threats, hate speech or harassment and promise to take action against violators. The company also announced that it was expanding ways for users to report harassment and curb the amount of abuse they see, a reaction to a growing problem of abuse, bullying and harassment on the internet.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [CBS](#)

(U) Texas – Man Convicted of Wire Fraud for Mining FIFA Game Coins for \$18M

(U) Dallas – Hackers that allegedly scammed FIFA's Ultimate Team (FUT) game mode could face jail time after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, according to reports. A jury in Texas found Anthony J. Clark and three others guilty of hacking the game's servers in order to steal the FUT "coins" used to purchase player packs. The four defendants are alleged to have then sold the coins on the European and Chinese markets for real money. The group raked in up to \$18 million with the scheme, according to the FBI. Per the indictment, Clark and his three accomplices created an app that simulated

the playing of thousands of Ultimate Team matches to earn coins. Those coins were flipped to "unofficial" coin-selling sites for cash.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [Fox Sports](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Argentina – Alleged Drug Trafficker Extradited to US

(U) Buenos Aires – Purported Colombian drug trafficker, Henry de Jesus Lopez Londoño, was extradited yesterday to the United States, Argentine officials said. Londoño had been in custody in Argentina since October 2012, when he was detained after entering the country on what turned out to be a false passport. Once they determined his true identity, Argentine authorities found out he was wanted by Colombian National Police on suspicion of being a major supplier of cocaine to Mexico's Los Zetas cartel.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [Fox News](#)

(U) Colombia – Police Rescue Los Angeles Judge Kidnapped While on Vacation

(U) Bogota – Authorities in Colombia say they have safely rescued a Los Angeles-area judge who had been kidnapped almost a week ago while on vacation in the South American nation. Police say Judge Benny Osorio's captors had demanded a \$33,000 ransom for his release. An elite anti-kidnapping unit using intelligence information rescued the judge yesterday in the popular tourist city of Cartagena. Four suspected kidnappers were arrested and several firearms seized.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Kosovo – Police Say Terror Attack on Israeli Team Prevented

(U) Pristina – Kosovo police said yesterday they prevented simultaneous attacks by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), including on the Israeli national soccer team that played a World Cup qualifier in neighboring Albania. A police statement said plans were in place to attack Saturday's match in Albania, and at the same time attack another target in Kosovo. Nineteen people were detained in Kosovo on 4 November and an additional six were detained in Albania and Macedonia.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Serbia – Serbian Military to Check Arms Depot Security After Guns Disappear

(U) Belgrade – Serbia's defense minister ordered urgent security checks at all weapons depots after dozens of semiautomatic handguns, five assault rifles and two crates of ammunition went missing from a storage site in Belgrade. It was unclear whether the incident had any connection with the Interior Ministry's seizure on Wednesday of an arms cache. The ministry also said "significant funds" from the 2017 defense budget would be devoted to improving security at state depots that still hold a significant quantity of arms left over from the old communist Yugoslav federal army.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Former Mayor Arrested Over Massacre

(U) Coahuila – A former mayor from the northern Mexican state of Coahuila was arrested yesterday for allegedly participating in one of the worst massacres perpetrated by the Zetas cartel. Sergio Lozano was arrested on kidnapping charges, the attorney general's office said in a statement, without clarifying his alleged role in the deaths of up to 300 people in the town and its surroundings. A government report, published in October alleges that between 160 and 200 heavily armed gang members, supported by municipal police, abducted Allende residents, and noted that it would have been "inconceivable to

accept" Lozano had no knowledge of events.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) United States – Temporary Migrant Processing Site Set for Tornillo

(U) Texas – A temporary processing center is being built in Tornillo by US Customs and Border Protection to help with an influx of Central American migrants attempting to come to the United States. Officials said the center will hold as many as 500 people and will provide for all of the basic needs of the migrants. "The facility will be operational within the week, and will provide additional space for those in CBP custody awaiting transfer to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement for processing, detention, and/or removal, or to the Department of Health and Human Services," officials said.

SOURCE: 17 November 2016, [El Paso Times](#)

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